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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING PROMULGATION OF SOCIAL PROPERTY
LEGISLATION

REFS: LIMA 2223, 2028, LIMA MEMCON OF 4/3/74

1. DURING LAST FEW DAYS, PRESS HAS ONCE AGAIN BEGUN TO SPECULATE THAT SOCIAL PROPERTY LAW (SPL) WILL BE PROMULGATED EITHER MAY 1, IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY, OR ON MAY 2. INDICATORS INCLUDE FACT THAT LABOR UNION MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE SIGNS IN FAVOR OF SOCIAL PROPERTY SECTOR FOR MAY DAY MARCHES. FURTHER, LA PRENSA OF APRIL 30 QUOTES MINISTER OF LABOR GENERAL PEDRO SALA OROSCO TO EFFECT THAT THE CABINET, IN ITS REGULAR TUESDAY SESSION TODAY, WILL DEVOTE ALL ITS TIME TO DISCUSSION OF SPL AND THAT "BY DECISION OF GENERAL VELASCO, THE MEETING WILL NOT FINISH UNTIL THE LAW HAS BEEN APPROVED." THE GOVERNMENT PRESS HAS NOT MENTIONED POSSIBLE PROMULGATION OF THE LAW, BUT HAS NOTED THAT PM MERCADO JARRIN WILL MAKE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF LABOR DAY, NOT PRESIDENT VELASCO. IF PROMULGATED EITHER MAY 1 OR FOLLOWING DAY, SOCIAL PROPERTY ISSUE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE A MAJOR THEME OF
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PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH PRESIDENT VELASCO WILL HOLD

FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY AMBASSADOR
MAY 2.

2. COMMENT: IN MARCH, VELASCO STATED SPL WOULD BE PRO-
MULGATED WITHIN THREE WEEKS (LIMA 2028). GIVEN DELAYS
TO DATE, IT CLEAR GOP WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE OFFICIAL
CREATION OF SECTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND MAY 1 OFFERS
SUITABLE OCCASION. HOWEVER, FACT THAT NO FULL SCALE
PRESS CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY TENDS TO INDICATE TO US THAT
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' MEETING TODAY MAY DEAL WITH
SUBSTANCE OF DRAFT LAW (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HAS UNDERGONE
SUBSTANTIAL MOEIFICATION, LIMA 2223) RATHER THAN MERELY
PASS UPON PROPOSAL ALREADY APPROVED BY COAP. IN ANY
CASE, WE BELIEVE BIRTH OF SECTOR CLOSE AT HAND.
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